

Docket No. 197399US2

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Masahito KOBAYASHI, et al.

SERIAL NO: 09/667,502

FILED: September 22, 2000

FOR: PROBING METHOD AND PROBING APPARATUS IN WHICH STEADY LOAD IS APPLIED TO
MAIN CHUCK

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

No additional fee is required

Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 is claimed.

Additional documents filed herewith: Marked-up Copy of Amendment
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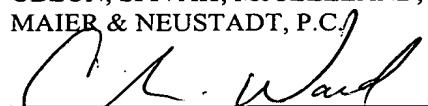
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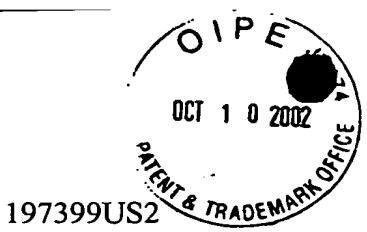
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AMENDMENT

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SIR:

In response to the Official Action dated July 10, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 4 and 6 are amended as follows:

4. (Once Amended) A probing method comprising steps of:

moving a main chuck to align an object of inspection on the main chuck with probes of a probe card located over the main chuck;

moving the main chuck toward the probe card, thereby bringing electrodes of the object of inspection into contact with the probes;